1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5.	2.12.95	Delhi	B-737	Indian Airlines	Nil	Substantial	The accident was caused by the combined effect of decision of Pilot-in-Command to hastily complete the flight, his failure to decelerate the aircraft in time and to carry out a mixed approach and his omission to arm the speed brake before landing.
6.	11.7.96	Near Kulu	L-410	Archana Airways	9	Destroyed	The investigation report submitted by the Court of Inquiry is under examination by the Government.
9.	12.11.96	Charkhi Dadri	B-747 IL-76	Saudi Arabian and Kazakhstan Airlines	349	Both Aircraft Destroyed	The accident is under investigation.

[English]

Foreign Companies in Mining Sector

1965. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA :
SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the mines under the jurisdiction of the Government have been leased out to Indian private parties during the last three years;

(b) the terms and conditions thereof;

(c) whether any study has been made by the Government regarding the financial advantage of leasing out those mines including the interests of the workers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the loss incurred by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (e). Mining rights are granted by the concerned State Governments in accordance with the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 and the rules made thereunder. Mining activity in the country has historically been undertaken both by public sector as well as private sector companies. At the end of year 1994-95, of the total 3083 (provisional) mines reporting production and given for non-atomic and non-fuel minerals and other than minor minerals, 316 were in the public sector. As per Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 mining rights can be given only to an Indian National or a company defined in sub-section (1) of Section (3) of the Companies Act, 1956. Provided that in respect of any mineral specified in the First Schedule, no prospecting licences or mining lease shall be granted except with the previous approval of the Central Government. Apart from the normal benefits like employment and revenue generation of any economic activity, mining activity also involves payment of royalty and related charges to the concerned State Governments.

Passenger Amenities in Long Distance Trains

1966. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether efforts are being made to provide better passenger amenities in the long distance trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such facilities particularly drinking water, electricity and clean toilets are mostly absent in the sleeper class in several trains; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the government to expand such facilities to sleeper class for the benefit of common passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Railway continues their endeavour to improve the condition of passenger amenities. Travelling safaiwalas have been provided on long distance trains besides providing jet cleaning apparatus for cleaning of toilets enroute. All the trains are being given a thorough check before commencement of the journey to ensure cleanliness and availability of passenger amenity items in working order.

(c) and (d). Every endeavour is made by the Railways to ensure availability of electricity and clean toilets in all the coaches including sleeper class. In the second class coaches generally, as there is continuous ingress and egress of the passengers, it is not practicable to maintain separate supply of drinking water

inside the coaches. However adequate drinking water arrangements have been made for the passengers at the platforms/stations.

Checks are conducted from time to time by senior officers of various Deptt. and remedial action including disciplinary action against defaulting staff is taken to correct the deficiencies.

Expansion of the Kandla Port

1967. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken up programme for the expansion of the Kandla port and have sanctioned 30 jetties to be built up there;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no air link of this port at present;

(c) if so, whether the Government have any plan to air link this port with rest of the country especially Mumbai and other major cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time schedule for the same?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Kandla Port Trust has prepared a perspective Master Plan of Kandla Port for development upto the year 2020 AD. The port has constructed 7 cargo berths and 4 oil jetties. In addition, 2 virtual jetties have been constructed by IOC and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., and M/s IFFCO are constructing a captive liquid jetty. Tenders for 8th, 9th and 10th cargo berths have been issued.

(b) to (d). NEPC Airlines has included a twice weekly service between Kandla and Mumbai on Thursday and Saturday. Indian Airlines has no proposal to airlink Kandla at present.

New Railway Zones

1968. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR :
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new railway zones created so far during the current year;

(b) whether these zones have started their function;

(c) if not, the time by which the new railway zones are likely to start functioning;

(d) the amount earmarked for the functioning of the above zonal office during 1996-97;

(e) the number of new Divisional Railway Offices proposed to be set up in the new railway zones;

(f) whether the Government propose to set up a Divisional Office in Agra under Allahabad Railway Zone; and

(g) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the work on it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). The Government has decided to set up six new zonal Railway headquarters at Bhubaneswar, Allahabad, Hajipur, Jaipur, Bangalore and Jabalpur. The inaugural functions for the zonal railways have been held for Bhubaneswar on 8.8.96, Allahabad on 28.8.96, Hajipur on 8.9.96, Jaipur on 17.10.96 and Bangalore on 1.11.96.

(d) A sum of Rs. 6.81 cr. has been provided in 1996-97 for the Zonal offices.

(e) to (g). The Government has decided to set up eight new divisions at Ahmedabad, Agra, Pune, Ranchi, Raipur, Rangiya, Guntur and Singrauli. The detailed jurisdiction of the railway zones and divisions has not yet been finalised. Setting up of zones is expected to be completed in about sixty months.

Damage to Railway Line

1969. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that due to devastating floods in 1968 in Jalpaiguri district in West Bengal, the Railway Line between Domohini and Changrabandha under North-Eastern Railway got washed away causing hardship to the people there;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to reinspect the area and review the situation to restore the line; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Domohini to Changrabandha M.G. branch line of North-East Frontier Railway got breached in the floods of 1968.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Land & structures on this section were relinquished to State Government Now there is no scheme to lay a new line on this alignment.

International Air Services from Mangalore Airport

1970. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal for operation of International Air Services from Mangalore Air-port; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and when the same is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Measures are being taken to set up Customs and Immigration facilities at Mangalore Airport for a direct International Service to Dubai. No